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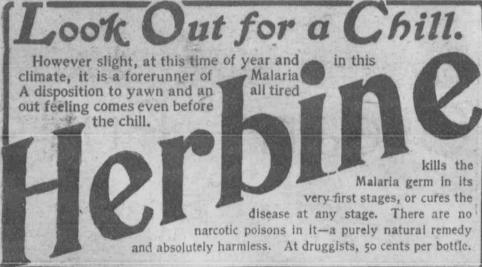
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When Elihu Burritt, the learned American blacksmith, went on his walking tour from London to the Lands Ends, he turned aside to see the Great Bed of Ware, and might have slept in it, but didn't.

This enormous bed is ten feet nine UNDERTAKER AND EMBALMER. nches square and seven feet six inches high. It is made of Spanish oak, elegantly carved, and is a wonderful specimen of antique furniture that for three centuries has been the pride and glory of the Saracen's Head at Ware.

The top is a solid canopy of beautifully carved wood, made in one piece. At the base of each footpost are boxes. It was the custom in old times for a newly-arrived guest who had never seen it before to drink a toast to the bed in a can of beer. Twelve persons have slept in it at one time, and it is asserted in the old chronicles that 20 did so at a pinch.

Shakespeare alludes to it in Twelfth Night." When Sir Toby Belch urges Aguecheck to send a Office in Cansler Building, Sixth Street Near challenge to his supposed rival he says: "Put as many lies in a sheet Will Practice in all Courts of Com-monwealth. as will lie in it, although the sheet Special attention given to the En-forcement of all just claims. were big enough for the bed of Ware in England."

Some modern authorities declare that it is not older than the reign of Elizabeth, but this can hardly be, as when it was put up for auction part of the coat of arms of the earl of Warwick was found on the bottom or back of it, with the date 14-, and there is a tradition in the counties of Berks and Warwickshire that it was originally in Warwick castle, and made for the accommodation of King Edward IV. of England, who could not sleep in an ordinary bed, being an immensely tall man, only one inch short of seven feet.

This tradition says it was removed from Warwick castle-where it is called in the household book "the king's bed"-to the inn at Ware to accommodate Edward in one of his campaigns during the wars of the

There is common sense in the story, for Edward was a voluptuous man, reveling in all the luxuries which could be procured in so rude an age, carrying with him when he went to war or hunt silken pavilions, cupboards of plate, feather beds, many changes of apparel, and choice wine for himself and his favorites.

The bed was put up at auction once, and Charles Dickens bid 100 guineas for it. It was bought in by the landlord, who did not think the price sufficient.

It has been seen by multitudes of travelers, who described it and drank its health, and it is alluded to in Farquat's play of "The Recruiting Officer," who, in speaking of the last bed of the slain after a great battle, cries: "O, a mighty large bed, bigger by half than the great bed of Ware! Ten thousand people may lie in together and never feel one another."-Att lanta Constitution.

EXPLORERS IN PERSIA.

Archaeologists Are Gradually Unfolding the History of Past Ages.

Two French explorers, M. Pierre de Jecquer and M. Watlin, have been carrying on some interesting excavations for archaeological purposes. At Susa they unearthed a large black marble column, covered from head to foot with cuneiform inscriptions, which should throw some light on the history of that ancient capital. According to the terms the explorers have made with the Persian government, they are not compelled to examine their treasures at Susa, but are permitted to transport them to France. Originally the concession permitted them only to share equaly with the Persian government, but they were molested and attacked by the natives at Susa, and by way of compensation they obtained the right to take everything they require from Susa. In other parts of Persia the shah claims his share. Generally the explorers work four or five months at Susa, and then before the winter in Susiana becomes intolerable, they migrate to the northern way they are gradually unfolding the history of past ages, and at the same time adding considerably to the present incomplete knowledge of Persian geography.—Scientific Ameri-

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Dr. Will Gilbert has returned from a trip through the West where he inspected the property of the Consolidated Alpine Gold & Silver Mining Co. Dr. Gifbert is one of the heavy stockholders in the company When seen by a Journal-News representiative and asked as to the prospects of the company, Dr. Gilbert said:

"You are asking a question asked by a great many people in Evansville amid the surrounding country. The Consolidated Alpine gold and silver mine is located on Alps mountain in the famous Clear Creek district, in the great gold producing State of Colorado. We are midway between Georgetown end Idaho Springs. People who have made the loop trip on the Colorado Southern railroad, pass by our mine. In our immediate neighborhood are some of the greatest gold mines in the world, among which may be mentioned the Lamartine Freeland, Freeland Extension, American Sisters, Gum Tree, Mattie, Fraction, Newton, Eclipse, Ouida, Bruce, Wallace, Stanley, Lord Byron, Donaldson, and a score of others whose production runs up into the hundreds of thousands.

"The Alpineitsel' is located directly in the midst of these valuable properties. Since we acquired the property, extensive improvements have taken place. The old shaft house destroyed by fire just before we assumed charge has been replaced by a modern substantial building, a boarding and bunk house for the miners, and an ore house for the storing and sorting of ores erected. A plant of machinery capable of going a depth of a thousand feet with ease, is in constant operation, and during my visit there we purchased and it is now being installed, a six drill double steam actuated Norfolk air compressor of the latest model. We also installed two of Leyner's latest water model rock drills. These ingenious machines require less air and as a consequence less fuel for consumption, and through the center of the steel drill a small current of water is constantly flowing into the drill hole, and as a consequence there is absolutely nodust in the mine. The lives of the men operating t

"The showing in the mine is fine, better than we could expect for the small amount of depth attained. We are now about 300 feet and the vein is wider and the values it carries are richer at that depth than any part of the mine.

"In the third east level we have about thirty feet to go before we reach a vein which crosses the Alpine's vein and which crossing formed the body of ore in the second level east, and from which the original owners removed \$41,000 worth of silver. Had these old fellows in years gone by known that the ore carried gold, copper and lead, in addition to its silver values their profits from that ore level would have been in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

"The famous Lamartine mine which adjoins ours, at the same depth did not have as good a showing as we have at the present time, and they are now shipping \$5,000 worth of ore a day, have \$12,000,000 worth of ore blocked out and in sight, and it is said they recently refused an offer by an English syndicate of \$20,000.000.

"In a conversation I had with the general manager of the Lamartine. I was told that without doubt we had an extension of the Lamartine vein, and that with depth we would prove up a Lamartine. No. 2. The foreman in the night shift of the Alpine was for years a miner in the Lamartine. He says we have a greater mine than the Lamartine, and to back up his assertion, is buying all the stock he possibly can and has his monthly wages tied up for the next four months in buying Alpine stock.

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